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AMENDMENT

SIR:

This Amendment addresses the Office Action mailed October 30, 2002, and it is respectfully submitted that this amendment places the above-identified application in condition for allowance. Claims 1-32 are pending in the present application, and Claims 1-32 stand rejected. It is respectfully requested that the pending application be amended as follows.

In the Claims:

Please amend the Claims as shown below.

1. (Twice amended) A method of at least one of erasing and programming information in a memory arrangement of a computer, comprising the steps of:

providing an identifier into an area of the memory arrangement that is to be at least one of erased and programmed, the identifier identifying a correct at least one of erasing and programming of the memory arrangement; and